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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW OECD BUILDING SITE

REF: CES/77-93

1. AT DECEMBER 20 COUNCIL MEETING, SECGEN PRESENTED PAPER (CES/77-93) DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVES FOR FUTURE OECD BUILDING SITES.

2. SECGEN DID NOT ASK COUNCIL'S APPROVAL FOR DRAFT ENTRY CONTAINED IN REFD0C, BUT CALLED COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO ONE URGENT ASPECT OF PROBLEM: SITE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO OECD "NEW" BUILDING OWNED BY SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY COULD BE ACQUIRED. BUILDING ON SITE IS PRESENTLY EMPTY AND OECD SECRETARIAT FAVORS ACQUIRING LAND FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE OFFICE BUILDING. COST OF PLOT WOULD BE ABOUT FF 25 MILLION. SECRETARIAT HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT UNLESS OECD MOVES IN NEXT THREE MONTHS, SAUDIS PLAN TO BUILD NEW RESIDENCE ON SITE. NEGOTIATION WOULD NECESSARILY ALSO REQUIRE COOPERATION OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WHO WOULD HAVE TO FIND ALTERNATE AC-

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CEPTABLE SITE FOR SAUDIS. FRENCH MADE IT CLEAR THAT FOR FRENCH TO BEGIN SEARCH, OECD COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO COMMIT ITSELF TO BUILDING ON THE PRESENT SAUDI SITE.

3. SECGEN WISHES COUNCIL TO RETURN TO THIS ITEM ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 10 AND GIVE SECGEN GREEN LIGHT TO

NEGOTIATE WITH SAUDIS WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT OECD
WOULD EVENTUALLY BUILD ON SITE.

4. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES THAT GIVEN PRESENT
UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION OF SECRETARIAT IN SEVERAL
SEPARATED ANNEXES AND RESULTING HIGH COSTS (DETAILED
IN REFDOC), GOOD CASE CAN BE MADE FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE
OF AVAILABILITY OF ONLY PLOT CONTIGUOUS TO OECD
CHATEAU. WITH ASSURANCE THAT ANY FINAL DEAL WOULD
BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT, WOULD
APPRECIATE AUTHORITY TO GIVE SECGEN GO-AHEAD TO
NEGOTIATE WITH SAUDIS.
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